

woven or non-woven material top layer is arranged, said central layer having a bottom face on which a bottom layer of a fabric material suitable for coupling with a male coupling portion of tearable strip means, said top, central and bottom layers being hot coupled to one another, without using adhesive materials, to provide an integral laminate construction.

16.(new) A modular laminate coating element according to Claim 15, wherein said central layer comprises a closed cell foamed polyethylene layer coupled by a thermoforming process to said top and bottom layers.

17.(new) A modular laminate coating element according to Claim 15, wherein said top layer comprises a woven and dyed wool felt material having anti-smearing properties.

B 18.(new) A method for making a three non metallic layer modular laminate coating element according to Claim 15, comprising the steps of hot coupling a central layer of a thermoformable material, a bottom layer of a woven or non-woven material, a bottom layer of a fabric material suitable for coupling with a coupling male portion of tearable strip means, thermoforming said layers and simultaneously printing, sealing and die cutting said coupled thermoformed layers on the perimeter with a contoured metal mold designed to hot impress to said laminate coating element projecting and recessed patterns to be permanently associated with a surface of said central layer and accordingly with the fabric material of the exposed face thereof.

19.(new) A modular laminate coating element for coating floors and walls which consists essentially of three layers of non-metallic materials, said three layers being a central layer being a thermoformable plastic; a top face layer on which a woven or non-woven material top layer is arranged and a bottom layer of a fabric material suitable for coupling with